(b) whether the Prime Minister of India took up the issue with the US administration explaining its ramifications in Indo-Pak equilibrium; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government remains committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard India's security.

Review of Appointment of Non-IFS Persons in Diplomatic Assignments

7687. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether persons not belonging to the Indian Foreign Service have been appointed as Ambassadors and High Commissioners of India in various countries;

(b) if so, what are the names of such persons and the countries where they have been posted;

(c) by when their term of office is scheduled to be completed; and

(d) whether Government are reviewing the policy of appointing non-IFS persons in diplomatic assignments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is given below:—

Sl. No.	*Name of Ambassador/ High Commissioner*	*Country of Accreditation*	*Country of concurrent Accreditation*	*Date of Completion of tenure*
1.	Shri Kushok Bakula	Mongolia	—	31.12.94
2.	Prof. C. Lakshmanna	Trinidad and Tobago	Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Christopher and Nevis, Anguilla, Montserrat.	30.06.94
3.	Dr. Bimal Prasad	Nepal	—	31.12.94
4.	Shri D.S. Pannun	Ghana	Togo, Burkina Faso, Liberia and the Central African Republic.	04.03.95
5.	*Dr. G.S. Rajhans	Laos	—	09.11.94
6.	Shri S.S. Ray	United States of America	Bahamas	28.10.94
7.	Dr. L.M. Singhvi	United Kingdom	—	01.04.96
8.	Dr. Har Swarup Singh	Maldives	—	28.03.95
9.	Brig. (Retd.) Bhawani Singh	Brunei	—	27.06.95
10.	Shri Pushkar Johari	Bhutan	—	Re-employed for 1 year w.e.f. 01.04.94

*Dr. G.S. Rajhans has been appointed as Ambassador of India to Cambodia and is expected to joint his new assignment shortly.

(d) No, Sir.